

## **REMARKS**

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005.

### **Claim Status**

Claims 1-43 were pending prior to entry of the present amendment.

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

Claims 24-34 are herein amended.

Claims 1-43 are now pending.

### **Rejections Under Section 101**

Claims 24-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they recite a method having steps that are not executed by a computer system. Claims 24-34 have been amended to clearly recite method steps that are executed by a computer system.

### **Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 13-15, 17, 19-20, 24-27, 29, 31-32, 35-37, and 40-43 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4-5, 7-8, and 17 of USPN 6,570,564.

Applicant is seeking an updated Power of Attorney from the Assignee. Applicant will submit a terminal disclaimer shortly, in order to obviate the double patenting rejection.

## CONCLUSION

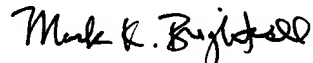
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-69300/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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Respectfully submitted,



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